

MVAL

Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Felicia Hazelton

Demonstration by John Byram
Have a good summer, see you in September!

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2024 - 2025 BOARD OFFICERS

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Deadline is the first Wednesday of the
 month. If you have an event that takes
 place in the first half of the month - be
 sure to get it in the month before.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The June general meeting signals the last art demo before our two-month hiatus. Along with ensuring the health and well-being of our organization and its members, there's been much to celebrate this year. We've had some great demonstrators and workshops and our plein air group has been going strong in spite of the natural disasters. The annual Masters in the Park was a roaring success. Congratulations to all.

We've finally secured a venue for our in-person member show at the Millard Sheets Art Center in the Pomona Fairplex. The show will be held from November 2nd to the 15th. The prospectus will be published and distributed in September. The tentative date for submission is Mid October – in the meantime, keep painting! Looking forward to a 100% participation!

Our demonstrator for June is our very own past president, John Byram. Many of you have taken classes with John and are familiar with his fresh and loose flair. We will watch him in action on June 18th and he will conduct a workshop for interested candidates, members and nonmembers, in September. Details are forthcoming.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have been involved in making the multiple activities happen, and will recognize them at the general meeting; but we need additional help. If you have a background in finance and accounting, we need you; if you have a communications background, we need you; any organizational and administrative experience, we need you; just want to help us help others, we need you. No matter how big or small, all your contributions are welcome. Just looking at the refreshment table each month is a testament to your hospitality and good will.

The following positions are open:

- Third VP – Communications and Development
- Exhibition Chair – Currently Pam McGuern, the directory chair, is wearing many hats and needs someone to help her/ take over the members exhibition
- Recording Secretary
- Newsletter – For the last 25 years, Joyce Nunamaker has been creating our fabulous newsletter every month and is eager to start training a new member. Any takers?

Please talk to any of your committee chairs/officers if you're interested in helping.

Last but not the least, thank you Jeanne Windoffer for hosting our Zoom audience. We have many members who are grateful that you provide an opportunity for them to join the meeting.

Sincerely,
Dilmit Singh
 MVAL President

MEETING DATES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

June 25th, 2025 - 7:30 PM
 Church of the Good Shepherd
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

September 3rd, 2025
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom.



JUNE DEMONSTRATION

JOHN BYRAM

live and - via zoom.

John Byram was past President of the Mid-Valley Arts League. He is also a member of the Mount Washington Plein Air Painters -- a group of artists inspired to paint outdoors, under changing light, weather, and seasonal variations -- who have painted Northeast LA for over two decades.

A watercolorist, John seeks to convey the energy in a subject. He loves finding a balance: between tight and loose brush work, between what's deliberate and what almost paints itself.

He conducts watercolor classes through MyGlendaleParks.org at Brand Library in Glendale, where he teaches enthusiastic students how to capture the beauty of the subjects that inspire them. The goal of his classes are for everyone to progress in their own unique expression, providing assistance in developing more impactful artistic statements. He studied with Fealing Lin, Robert S. Oliver and Bob Uecker. His work is represented in several private and public collections. He has won awards through the Arizona Artists Guild and the Mid-Valley Arts League, among other organizations.

John is a licensed architect and city planner who lives in Pasadena with his wife Simran, son Neil and a dog named Nick.



IN PERSON MEETING

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ZOOM MEETING

For those preferring to stay home. You will receive an email before the meeting telling you how to log on ZOOM to attend. The meeting will be open for log-in starting around 7pm.

ART OF THE MONTH

Art of the Month is going back to being in person, at the meeting only.
Work may be framed or matted so that it can be displayed on an easel.
If you have an easel, floor or table style, PLEASE bring it.
WINNER RECEIVES A RIBBON!

All subjects are welcome.



Nikki Thomas
Art of the Month Chair
Artist of the month Chairman

May winner -
Joanne Formia.

ON THE COVER

Cover Art this month was painted by **Felicia Hazelton**

ARTIST NEWS

A poster for the 'LIGHT & LITERATURE' event. The top half features a landscape painting with the text 'JUNE 1-JULY 15' and 'LIGHT & LITERATURE'. The bottom half has a yellow background with text about an artist's reception and a small photo of Dilmit Singh with a quote from Van Gogh. A QR code is also present.

JUNE 1-JULY 15
LIGHT & LITERATURE

ARTIST'S RECEPTION
Friday, June 20, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm

CREATIVE ARTS GROUP
108 N Baldwin Ave
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Mon-Fri 10-5 Sat 10-2

Dilmit Singh

...and then I have nature and art and poetry; and if that's not enough, what is enough?²¹
Van Gogh

MEMBER'S EXHIBIT

We are finally going to have a physical member's exhibit! Post Covid shutdown we lost our old venue and have been searching for several years for a new one. We have been able to secure the Millard Sheets Gallery, Fairplex Pomona for November 2-15. We will have the prospectus ready for you in September, in the meantime - plan and paint!

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

To confirm or ask questions
Call Lynne Fearman cell: (626) 372-6077
Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy.
If you are on Facebook, join the "Thursdays in Plein Air" Facebook Page. The Facebook page will keep you updated on any changes and connected with the other painters!

Meet at the designated location at 9:00am and paint till 12:00. At noon we gather for lunch and sharing of sketches and paintings. After lunch is the critique/share. The critiques are informative and instructional. In the event of rain the paint-out will be canceled. We have done our best to give accurate directions. Since we are based in San Gabriel, our directions stem from there.

Bring a folding chair, hat, bug spray, and umbrella if you have one.

JUNE 12th - Pasadena City Hall **100 N. Garfield Ave. 91101**

Parking meters
Parking lot on Ramona. Meet at front. Can paint or sketch inside the courtyard.

JUNE 19th - Arlington Gardens

275 Arlington Dr., Pasadena, 91105
Exit 210 or 134 Fwys at Orange Grove. Travel south to Arlington Dr. and turn left. Park along street. Garden is on the corner of Arlington Dr. & Pasadena Ave. Portable toilet on grounds.

JUNE 26th - Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada, Flintridge
Botanical Garden. Opens at 9am Fee at entrance gate. Open to paint anywhere inside. Meet later and have lunch at patio/cafe around 12 noon.

JULY and AUGUST

There will be no scheduled paint-outs for the summer.

If you want to paint and a certain location and want company, you can post it on the Thursday's in Plein Air Facebook page and see if anyone wants to join you.

OR -

Just keep painting on your own.
Have a great summer and we will all get back together in September!

WORKSHOPS

John Byram - September 24 & 24 In person

Liz Walker - October 21 & 23 via zoom

We will be sending out further information for these.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Next year will be my 25th year as editor of this newsletter. Much has changed in those years. I started off taking over a newsletter that was printed out, hand folded and mailing over 175 copies. Information was given to me at the board meeting, often scrawled on scraps of paper in handwriting that I had a hard time reading. I had to type out every item. At the time, I was one of just a few MVAL members that had any computer graphic experience. I created each page separately in Adobe Illustrator because it was the only program I had learned. I didn't include a whole lot of photos, those all had to be scanned in and the printing was all in black and white, not very pretty for artwork.

Now I get all the info via e-mail and I can usually just cut and paste the articles in. I get photos the same way and do a bit of Photoshop, mostly just reducing the size.

At this point, most everyone gets the newsletter in their e-mail, which means it's in full color. We still have about 6 members who need a paper copy sent to their homes, for the past couple of years I have just been printing those copies out on my home laser printer... it's less work than taking it over to FedEx office and later picking those 6 copies up!

I will continue this job for the next year but would really like to have someone who can take over.

I would spend some time with you showing you what my process has been but a new editor is welcome to create in whatever programs they choose and put their own ideas into the end result, it looks way different from when I took over! You can put your own touches on it.

For any possible new editor - here is the basic info for what I have been doing.

Mac computer system.

I use Adobe InDesign - you don't start from scratch every month - rename the last month's issue and keep hold-over info, change what's new.

Adobe Photoshop - for very minor cropping, cleaning up photos and sizing.

A decent printer for the few paper copies, or take the file to FedEx Office.

Attend the board meeting via zoom once a month, Newsletter should be completed by the Monday after the board meeting.

Joyce Nunamaker

Editor - Art and the Artist

SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH THE MASTERS

John Taggart took a whole lot of pictures at Saturday in the Park with The Masters.

Here is a link so that you can look at all of them:

<https://www.amazon.com/photos/shared/kADSQ2hdTnW-iYJg4F55hg.FFTs1OK3wQmkKEMgmKAwH>

